

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **HB 174 - SB 237**

February 14, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Gives patients the right to pursue any complementary or integrative health care treatment if the patient's health care providers, including medical doctors, osteopathic physicians, x-ray operators, and acupuncturists, have informed the patient of the nature, benefits, and risks associated with the treatment and document the same in the patient's file. Requires health care facilities to provide emergency treatment or treatment that is deemed in the best interest of the patient by the patient and health care practitioner.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not have to perform any treatments that are not currently offered and will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to regulate changes.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director